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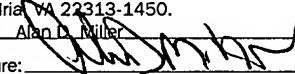
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Applicants: Gérard Hascoët and Thierry Pechoux
Serial No.: 10/603,587
Filed: June 25, 2003
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FOR PROTECTING A COVER, A METHOD OF FITTING A COVER
ON A PROBE, AND A METHOD OF MAKING A DEVICE FOR
PROTECTING A COVER
Art Unit: 3736

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the references that are listed on Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page) attached hereto. A copy of reference U.S. Patent No. 6,605,034 B2 is also attached hereto. All of the remaining references listed on the attached Form were previously submitted to or cited by the Patent Office during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,516 or U.S. Patent Application No. 10/021,626, from which the subject application claims the benefit of its filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of previously cited or submitted references are not included with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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